Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 through 9 as follows.

Please add new Claims 10 through 18.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1.   (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

for each particular user of a plurality of users, in response to a request by the particular user to ship a particular respective parcel, determine from a set of delivery times for each of a plurality of services for each of a plurality of carriers a potential cross-comparison delivery schedule, said cross-comparison delivery schedule comprising a plurality of service-specific carrier-specific delivery schedules to deliver the particular respective parcel, wherein each service-specific carrier-specific delivery schedule corresponds to a particular for each delivery service of [the]a plurality of delivery services [for]offered by a particular each carrier of [the]a plurality of carriers in response to a request by each of a plurality of users to ship a particular parcel, wherein each particular user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device has [an]a respective individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

2.   (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 1, said computer system further programmed to:

calculate for each of the plurality of users upon each request by each user a shipping rate for each said particular delivery service of the plurality of services offered by each of a plurality of carriers [for] to deliver[ing] the particular respective parcel according to the corresponding service-specific carrier-specific

~~determined potential~~ delivery schedule ~~for the particular service for the particular carrier~~.

3.   (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 2, said computer system further programmed to:

generate, in response to a user request for a shipping rate and delivery [time]<u>schedule</u> comparison, a display of an online interactive prompt to a display monitor configured with [a]<u>the respective</u> user client computer device of the particular user, said online interactive prompt comprising a <u>simultaneous cross-</u>comparison of <u>said calculated</u> shipping rates ~~for a plurality of services offered by a plurality of carriers for delivering the particular parcel~~<u>, the display of each respective calculated shipping rate corresponding to a display of the corresponding service-specific carrier-specific delivery schedule</u>~~according to the determined potential delivery schedule for the particular service for the particular carrier~~ <u>to deliver the particular respective parcel</u>.

4.   (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

for each particular user of a plurality of users, in response to a request by the particular user to ship a particular respective ~~package~~<u>parcel</u>, determine ~~from a set of delivery times for each of a plurality of services for each of a plurality of carriers~~ a potential <u>cross-comparison</u> delivery schedule<u>, said cross-comparison delivery schedule comprising a plurality of service-specific carrier-specific delivery schedules to deliver the particular respective parcel, wherein each service-specific carrier-specific delivery schedule corresponds to a particular</u> ~~for each~~ <u>delivery service</u> of [the]<u>a</u> plurality of services [for]<u>offered by</u> each <u>carrier</u> of [the]<u>a</u> plurality of carriers<u>~~in response to a request by each of a plurality of users to ship a particular parcel~~, wherein each <u>particular</u> user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a <u>respective</u> client computer device, and wherein each <u>respective</u> user client

computer device has [an]a respective individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 4, said method further comprising:

calculating for each of the plurality of users upon each request by each user a shipping rate for each said particular delivery service of the plurality of services offered by each of a plurality of carriers [for] to deliver[ing] the particular respective parcel according to the corresponding service-specific carrier-specific determined potential delivery schedule for the particular service for the particular carrier.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 5, said method further comprising:

generating, in response to a user request for a shipping rate and delivery [time]schedule comparison, a display of an online interactive prompt to a display monitor configured with [a]the respective user client computer device of the particular user, said online interactive prompt comprising a simultaneous cross-comparison of said calculated shipping rates for a plurality of services offered by a plurality of carriers for delivering the particular parcel, the display of each respective calculated shipping rate corresponding to a display of the corresponding service-specific carrier-specific delivery scheduleaccording to the determined potential delivery schedule for the particular service for the particular carrier to deliver the particular respective parcel.

7.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for determining, for each particular user of a plurality of users, in response to a request by the particular user to ship a

particular respective parcel, ~~from a set of delivery times for each of a plurality of services for each of a plurality of carriers~~ a potential cross-comparison delivery schedule, said cross-comparison delivery schedule comprising a plurality of service-specific carrier-specific delivery schedules to deliver the particular respective parcel, wherein each service-specific carrier-specific delivery schedule corresponds to a particular ~~for each~~ delivery service of [the]a plurality of services [for]offered by a particular ~~each~~ carrier of [the]a plurality of carriers ~~in response to a request by each of a plurality of users to ship a particular parcel~~, wherein each particular user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device has [an]a respective individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

8.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 7, said computer program product further comprising:
a set of program instructions for calculating ~~for each of the plurality of users upon each request by each user~~ a shipping rate for each said particular delivery service ~~of the plurality of services offered by each~~ of a plurality of ~~carriers~~ [for] to deliver[ing] the particular respective parcel according to the corresponding service-specific carrier-specific ~~determined potential~~ delivery schedule ~~for the particular service for the particular carrier~~.

9.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 8, said computer program product further comprising:
a set of program instructions for generating, in response to a user request for a shipping rate and delivery [time]schedule ~~comparision~~comparison, a display of an online interactive prompt to a display monitor configured with [a]the respective user client computer device of the particular user, said online interactive prompt comprising a simultaneous cross-comparison of said calculated shipping rates ~~for a plurality of services offered by a plurality of carriers for delivering the particular parcel~~, the display of each respective

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calculated shipping rate corresponding to a display of the corresponding service-specific carrier-specific delivery schedule~~according to the determined potential delivery schedule for the particular service for the particular carrier~~ to deliver the particular respective parcel.

     10.   (New) A shipping management computer system configured for:

allowing a user to request a package delivery service by providing shipping specifications;

receiving said shipping specifications from said user;

identifying, from a plurality of carriers, a subset of carriers based on said shipping specifications, each of said subset of carriers being capable of satisfying said shipping specifications by providing said package delivery service to said user;

identifying a first carrier from said subset of carriers and a first set of shipment types provided by said first carrier;

determining a first set of delivery schedules according to which said first carrier would be able to satisfy said shipping specifications, each one of said first set of delivery schedules corresponding to at least one of said first set of shipment types and comprising a delivery date and a delivery time;

calculating a first set of service charges by said first carrier, each one of said first set of service charges calculated based upon at least one of said first set of shipment types provided by said first carrier;

displaying to the user said first set of delivery schedules, said first set of service charges, said first set of shipment types and said first carrier;

identifying a second carrier from said subset of carriers and a second set of shipment types provided by said second carrier;

determining a second set of delivery schedules that said second carrier is capable of providing to said user, each one of said second set of delivery schedules corresponding to at least one of said second set of shipment types and comprising a delivery date and a delivery time;

calculating a second set of service charges by said second carrier, each one of said second set of service charges calculated based upon at least one of said second set of shipment types provided by said second carrier; and

displaying to the user said second set of delivery schedules, said second set of service charges, said second set of shipment types and said second carrier.

11.   (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 10, wherein said shipping specifications comprise a package weight, a package size, an origin and a destination.

12.   (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 11, wherein said shipping specifications further comprise a shipping date.

13.   (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 10, wherein said first set of shipment types comprise ground shipment, next-day-air shipment and express shipment.

14.   (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 1, wherein the potential cross-comparison delivery schedule comprises a delivery date and a delivery time for each of the plurality of services offered by each of the plurality of carriers at which to deliver the particular respective parcel.

15.   (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 14, said computer system further programmed to:

calculate a shipping rate for each service of the plurality of services offered by each carrier of the plurality of carriers for delivering the particular respective parcel.

16.   (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 15, said computer system further programmed to:

generate, in response to a user request for a shipping rate and delivery schedule comparison, a display of an online interactive prompt to a display monitor configured with the respective user client computer device of the particular user, said online interactive prompt comprising a simultaneous cross-comparison of said calculated shipping rates for the plurality of services offered by the plurality of carriers for delivering the particular respective parcel, the display of each respective calculated shipping rate corresponding to the delivery date and delivery time associated with each particular service offered by each particular carrier to deliver the particular respective parcel.

17. (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 1, wherein each service-specific carrier-specific delivery schedule corresponds to a schedule for a particular delivery service offered by a particular carrier to deliver the particular respective parcel.

18. (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 1, wherein said cross-comparison delivery schedule comprises a service-specific carrier-specific delivery schedule for each particular delivery service of the plurality of delivery services offered by each carrier of the plurality of carriers, wherein each said particular delivery service would provide delivery of the particular respective parcel.